

Public Service Commission of Wisconsin

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Re: Application of American Transmission Company LLC to Construct and Place in Operation a New 345/138 kV Substation in the Village of Mount Pleasant, 345 kV Transmission Lines to Interconnect it With ATC's Existing 345 kV Transmission Network, and to Construct or Reconstruct Other Lines and Facilities in the Area, to be Located in Primarily Racine and Kenosha Counties, Wisconsin 137-CE-188

To the Person Addressed:

The Public Service Commission of Wisconsin (Commission) received information regarding an application from American Transmission Company LLC (ATC) for the construction of high-voltage electric transmission lines and a new substation related to the proposed Mount Pleasant Tech Interconnection Project, located in the city of Racine and villages of Caledonia, Sturtevant, and Mount Pleasant, Racine County; the town of Somers, city of Kenosha, and villages of Somers and Pleasant Prairie, Kenosha County; and the city of Oak Creek, Milwaukee County Wisconsin. This letter is being sent to property owners directly along the proposed routes and individuals who have asked to be placed on our mailing list. It is also being sent to public officials who may wish to place this notification in a location where it can be viewed by the public.

Commission and Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources (DNR) staff are now identifying issues and conducting analyses to include in the draft Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) related to the proposed new transmission line and substation work related to the proposed plant. As part of this effort, the agencies are holding a public outreach/scoping session in the project area. At this session Commission staff will explain the regulatory review process and solicit input from the public to help the state agencies determine the scope of the EIS.

The agencies encourage persons with local information or environmental concerns to attend the public scoping session. The session will be held in an open house format. Anyone interested in this proposed project is invited to attend. Comments on the scope of the EIS can be submitted: (1) at this public scoping session; (2) by letter addressed to the EIS coordinator for the docket (see contacts at the end of this letter); or (3) through the Commission's website at <http://psc.wi.gov> where you can go to the "e-services" tab toward the top of the webpage, then click "file a comment" on the left hand side of the page, then locate docket 137-CE-188.

The deadline for submitting EIS scoping comments is March 12, 2018.

Scoping Session Details

3:00 p.m. and 6:00 p.m., identical sessions
Tuesday, January 16, 2018
Rayne Place – State of Wisconsin Offices
9531 Rayne Road (meeting held in Large Conference Room)
Sturtevant, WI 53177

There will be additional public comment periods throughout the review process, including comments on the draft EIS and testimony submitted as part of the public hearing.

Project Description

ATC had pre-application meetings with Commission staff and staff from other regulatory agencies to discuss the proposed project. ATC filed materials that describe the route and construction details of the proposed project. These materials are available for review on the Commission's Electronic Record Filing system. To view these documents: (1) go to the Commission's e-services portal at <http://apps.psc.wi.gov>, (2) enter 137-CE-188 in the box labeled "Quick Single Docket Search", and (3) select "Documents". Additionally, you can find a map and additional information about the proposed project on the ATC project webpage <http://www.atc-projects.com/projects/mount-pleasant-tech-interconnection-project/>.

The proposed project would include adding a second 345 kilovolt (kV) line to an existing 12-mile transmission line between the existing Racine and Pleasant Prairie Substations. A new substation would be constructed south of Braun Road along the east side of County Trunk Highway H. Two sets of double-circuit transmission lines would be constructed from this new substation east to the existing 345 kV transmission line described above. Additional modifications to existing substations and lines are proposed, as well as an underground 138 kV line to connect the new substation to a substation planned to be constructed by Foxconn. The proposed project cost for the new lines, modifications, and substations is estimated at \$140 million.

State and Federal Agency Jurisdiction

The proposed project requires a Certificate of Public Convenience and Necessity from the Commission before construction can begin. Based on the record of analysis of need, cost, engineering performance, and potential environmental and societal impacts, the Commission will decide whether to approve, modify, or deny ATC's proposal. DNR will consider ATC's application for wetland and waterway permits, if applicable under Wis. Stat. ch. 30, potential impacts to rare species, and other affected resources under its jurisdiction. The Wisconsin Department of Agriculture, Trade, and Consumer Protection produced an Agricultural Impact Statement (AIS) under Wis. Stat. § 32.035 for the larger Foxconn project area, and may provide an update or addendum to that AIS. The Wisconsin Historical Society may review the proposed project for any potential adverse impacts to listed cultural resources under Wis. Stat. § 44.40. Other reviews, approvals, or permits may be necessary from federal agencies.

Environmental Impact Statement

This proposed electric transmission project is a Type I project under Wis. Admin. Code § PSC 4.10(1). An EIS is required as specified under the Wisconsin Environmental Policy Act, Wis. Stat. § 1.11. The EIS will cover the need of for the project, its cost, and potential environmental, community, and private property impacts. The draft EIS will likely be issued in the spring of 2018 and will be followed by a 45-day comment period. Comments on the draft EIS will be used to prepare the final EIS.

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When completed, the draft EIS will be viewable on the Commission's website. You can also request a free electronic copy on CD of the draft and final EIS by contacting the EIS coordinator for the project.

Public Hearings and Commission Decision

The Commission will hold technical and public hearings on the project no less than 30 days after the release of the final EIS. At least 30 days before the hearings, the Commission will mail a Notice of Hearing to those on the project mailing list and notify the local news media. The Notice will include the time, date, and location of the hearings, and also instructions regarding how to provide testimony for the hearing record. If you have any concerns about the project, you should attend the hearing to make the Commission aware of your concerns. The Commission must base its decisions about the project, in part, on the record of the hearing. At this time, the hearing is anticipated to be in June 2018. The Commission will discuss the record for this project at a meeting open to the public anticipated to be in the summer of 2018.

Information and Contacts

To review project application materials and additional related documents

- PSC website under the docket's "E-Services" tab, docket search number 137-CE-188, at: http://apps.psc.wi.gov/vs2010/dockets/content/detail.aspx?dockt_id=137-CE-188
- An interactive webmap of the project is at: <https://tinyurl.com/mptip137ce188>

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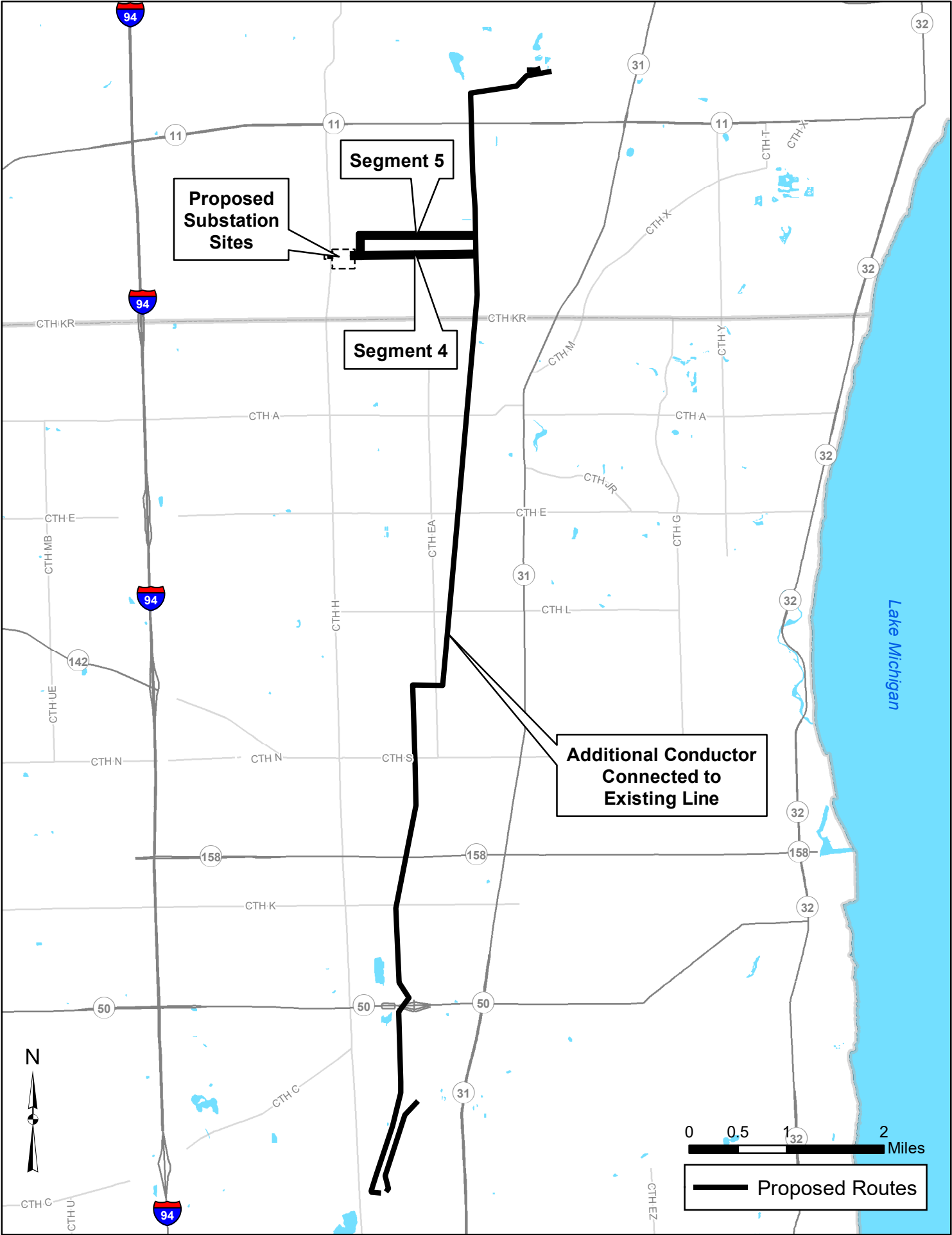
/s/ Stacy Schumacher

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Attachments

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